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SUBJ: JUNTA DEFINES BASIC GUIDELINES FOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY:

JUNTA HAS PUBLISHED LIST OF PRINCIPLES, GOALS, AND RULES WHICH WILL GOVERN OPERATION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN COMING MONTHS. LIST IS TALL ORDER, AND MANY GOALS WILL REQUIRE HUGE SUMS TO IMPLEMENT. BASIC POLITICAL AND PERSONAL LIBERTIES ARE ASSURED: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GUIDELINES ARE MODERATE. OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS JUNTA'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND RENEW RELATIONS WITH ARABS. JUNTA DESIRE TO MAINTAIN "TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP" WITH US, AND GOOD TIES WITH SPAIN, BRAZIL, UK, NATO AND EEC SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN PROGRAM. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS ARE NATIONALIZATION CERTAIN BANKS OF ISSUANCE, AND GENERAL MODERATION AND REASONABLENESS OF REFORMS ENVISAGED. TEXT POUCHED. END SUMMARY.

1. MORNING MAY 16 JUNTA RELEASED TO PRESS STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES WHICH ARE TO GOVERN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE DECISIONS. STATEMENT EMPHASIZES THAT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS A TRANSITORY ONE WHICH WILL NOT UNDERTAKE GREAT REFORMS. NEW GOVERNORS ARE TO ACT IMPARTPALLY, TO ENCOURAGE WIDE PUBLIC DEBATE ON FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND TO ENSURE NO EXTREMISTS OF ANY STRIPE COMPROMISE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.
2. FUNDAMENTAL "TECHNICAL PRINCIPLES" UNDERPINNING PROGRAM FOLLOW:
AA. NEED FOR NEW ECONOMIC POLICY AT SERVICE OF NATION, ESPECIALLY LOWER STRATA POPULATION;

B. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOCIAL POLICIES FOR DEFENSE OF WORKER INTERESTS AND PROGRESSIVE BUT ACCELERATED IMPROVEMENT OF STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL PORTUGUESE;

C. NEED BRING TO TRIAL, AFTER CAREFUL INVESTIGATION, ALL
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PERSONS FOUND TO BE CORRUPT, TO HAVE ABUSED THEIR POWER, OR HARMED CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS;

D. FOREIGN POLICY BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY OF STATES, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PEACE WILL BE DEFENDED AND INTERNATIONALO RELATIONS WILL BE ENLARGED AND DIVERSIFIED, WITH EXISTING TREATIES RESPECTED;

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E. RECOGNITION OF ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL CHARACTER OF SOLUTION
TO OVERSEA'S WARS. NEW POLICY LEADING TO PEACE AND WHICH GUARANTZES
PEACEFUL AND PERMANENT COEXISTENCE OF ALL RESIDENTS WILL BE
LAUNCHED, AND CONDITIONS WILL BE CREATED OPENING UP FRANK AND
OPEN DEBATE ON FUTURE OF OVERSEAS.

3. FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AND GOALS ESTABLISHED TO ORIENT
WORK OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THESE ARE GROUPED IN
COMMUNIQUE INTO EIGHT FIELDS AS FOLLOWS:

4. STATE ORGANIZATION: QUICKLY CODIFY NEW ELECTORAL
LAW, AND RPOMULGATE NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING FORMATION POLITICAL PAR
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TIES; REFORM JUDICIARY SYSTEM AND PENAL CODE; REVISE RELATIONS WITH
OVERSEAS; PROGRESSIVELY ABOLISH CORPORATE
SYSTEM; FIX NEW RULES GOVERNING LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS;
STRENGTHEN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION TO PROMOTE
GREATER POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY CITIZENS IN LOCAL POLITICS.

5. CIVIL LIBERTIES: GUARANTEE CIVIL LIBERTIES AS
DEFINED IN UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; GUARANTEE POLITICAL
RIGHTS; DRAW UP NEW MEDIA LAWS; INSURE INDEPENDENT, PLURALISTIC
PRESS, RADIO, TV.

6. SECURITY OF PERSON AND PROPERTY: INSURE
PUBLIC ORDER; ALLOW BUT REGULATE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS;

REPRESS CRIME, CORRUPTION, SPECULATORS, ETC.

7. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICY: COMBAT INFLATION;
ENSURE EQUALITY OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; STIMULATE PRIVATE
INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS; ADOPT NEW MEASURES REGARDING STATE'S
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ROLE IN BASIC SECTORS OF ECONOMY; LIBERALIZE INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN TRADE AND CAPITAL FLOW AREAS; REVISE
IV DEVELOPMENT PLAN; PURSUE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DECENTRALIZATION;
REFORM TAX AND BANKING SYSTEMS TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TO FAVOR LOWER CLASSES; NATIONALIZE BANKS OF
ISSUANCE; PROMOTE GRADUAL AGRICULTURAL REFORM.

8. SOCIAL POLICY: ESTABLISH MINIMUM WAGE; PROTZCT
PURCHASING POWER; ADOPT NEW WELFARE LAWS FOR PRO-
TECTION AGED, CRIPPLED, ORPHANS, ETC., BEGIN WORK TO CREATE
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE; PROGRESSIVELY REPLACE EXTANT MYRIAD
SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES WITH INTEGRATED SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM; ATTEMP
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ENCOURAGE IMMIGRANTS TO RETURN HOME; PROTECT ENVIRONMENT.

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9. FOREIGN POLICY: IN ADDITION TO THOSE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN PARA 2D, FOLLOWING POLICY ESTABLISHED: RESPECT INTERNATIONAL TREATIES IN FORCCE , ESPECIALLY NATO TREATY AS WELL AS EXISTING COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS; CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO MAINTENANCE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY; INTENSIFY COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF E.E.C.; STRENGTHEN LUSO-BRASILIAN COMMUNITY. EFFICIENTLY AND PRACTICALLY. MAINTAIN TIES WITH U.K.; CONTINUE GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH SPAIN; REINFORCE SOLIDARITY WITH LATIN COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND AMERICA; MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH US; ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES; RENEW HISTORICAL RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES; DEFINE "REALISTIC" POLICY TOWARDS THIRD WORLD; PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN U.N. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

10. OVERSEAS POLICY: RECOGNIZE THAT SOLUTION TO OVERSEAS WARS IS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL, NOT MILITARY; INSTITUTE MEASURES WHEREBY INHABITANTS OVERSEAS PROVINCES ARE MADE CONSCIOUS, THROUGH FREE AND FRANK DEBATE, OF FACT THAT THEY CAN DECIDE WHAT THEIR FUTURE WILL BE;
MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN OVERSEAS PROVINCES "WHEN NECESSARY TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY ALL CITIZENS; ACCELERATE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OVERSEAS WTIH VIEW TOWARDS ACTIVE SOCIO-POLITICAL PARTICIPATION INHABITANTS IN RUNNING OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

11. EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RESEARCH POLICY:

MOBILIZE EFFORTS TO ERADICATE ILLITERACY, AND PROMOTE CULTURE, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS; PUSH EDUCATIONAL REFORM, INVOLVING SCHOOLS IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND IN CREATION GENUINELY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY; DEFINE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH POLICY.

12. COMMENT: THIS IS TALL ORDER INDEED FOR A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO OPERATE FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR, AND NOT MAKE MAJOR SYSTEMIC REFORMS, LENGTH OF LIST EMPHASIZES THE DISTANCE PORTUGAL MUST TRAVEL TO CATCH UP WITH 20TH CENTURY.
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PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS WILL INVOLVE HUGE SUMS MONEY AND REQUIRE STRONG LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF RESTRAINT

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ON PART OF LONG-DEPRIVED PORTUGUESE LOWER CLASSES. NOTEWORTHY
IS MODERATENESS OF WHOLE PACKAGE, WHICH SUGGESTS DRAFTERS OF
PROGRAM ARE NOT RADICALS BUT LIBERAL REFORMERS. OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST IS FACT THAT PROGRAM WAS PRODUCED BY JUNTA AND HANDED
DOWN BY THEM TO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AS, IN EFFECT, MARCHING
ORDERS. FROM THIS AND FROM NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (SEPTEL)
IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MILITARY INTEND TO RETAIN EFFECTIVE POWER
THROUGHOUT LIFE OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. SCOTT

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